

Accessibility Considerations Checklist

People need different kinds of accommodations to be successful in a new house, condominium, or apartment. Review the list of common accommodation requirements below and check those most important to you.

Consider which accommodations are absolutely necessary – critical, and which are desired, but not critical. Add any individual accommodations that you need that are not included in this list.

Consider which of the accommodations you expect the landlord to supply (such as an elevator or convenient parking place) and which are modifications you may request to supply yourself (such as a touchpad door lock).

Use this check list as you research and visit new housing options to help you to select a place that is safe, decent, affordable, convenient, comfortable AND accessible.

Accommodation	Critical	Desired	Landlord Supplied	Tenant Supplied
ACCESS TO COMMUNITY and COMMUNITY RESOURCES				
Public transportation				
Covered waiting areas for public transportation				
Paved sidewalks				
Grocery stores and other shops				
Restaurants				
Parks and recreation areas				
Spiritual centers: churches, temples, mosques				
Social centers: fitness, clubs, social groups				
Professional and health services				
Neighbors in very nearby				
Neighbors at a distance				
Friends/family in close proximity				
ACCESSIBILITY TO UNIT and COMPLEX				
First floor entrance				
Elevator nearby unit				
Covered parking near entrance				
Laundry resource within unit				
Easy access to complex laundry facilities				
Easy access to complex social centers, pools, fitness facilities				
Easy access to recycling and garbage disposal				
Curb-cuts and ramps				
ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN UNIT				
Single story or one floor lay-out in unit				
Easy access to kitchen, living room, bathroom, bedroom				
Wide doorways				
Carpet free				
Accessible design in kitchen:				

Accommodation	Critical	Desired	Landlord Supplied	Tenant Supplied
Adequate open space for wheel chair turn radius				
Lowered counter height				
Easy reach to sink				
Stoves with front (not top) controls				
Adequate reachable storage				
Accessible design in bathroom:				
Adequate open space for wheel chair turn radius				
Bathroom safety rails by toilet				
Roll in shower				
17-18" toilet height				
Lowered closet bars				
SAFETY				
Door peepholes at eyeball height				
Security locks on doors and windows				
Guarded entry				
Intercom				
Touchpad or keyless entry lock				
Flashing lights doorbell				
Accessible emergency evacuation exits				
Smoke detector for persons with hearing impairments				
PERSONAL SUPPORT NEEDS				
Service animal care				
Personal adaptive equipment				
Attendant care resources				
Other				